

REMARKS

The present Communication is being filed to enter amendments to the claims made in Amendment mailed June 16, 2004 and which were not entered.

The Listing of Claims submitted above encompasses the claims submitted with the last Amendment (unentered) except that the status identifier has been changed where required to correctly identify status of the claims. It is believed this should also overcome the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed with the Advisory Action and it is respectfully requested this objection be withdrawn in this regard.

With regard to the substantive rejection, applicants maintain that at least the method claims (i.e., claims 1, 2 and 52-55) are patentable for reasons set forth at page 6-7 of the previous response. Specifically, Silva uses components (optionally) as stabilizer for enzyme containing laundry compositions. There is no teaching or suggestion whatsoever that specific components may be used to facilitate soil removal from hard surfaces (e.g., in hard surface cleanser compositions).

Applicants would also argue that composition claims are patentable because Silva does not recognize that specific antioxidants (e.g., tannic acid esters and salts, epigallocatechin gallate etc.) have this effect while others do not. That is, the subject compositions define a true selection patent. However, even if the Examiner disagrees, the method claims are even further removed.

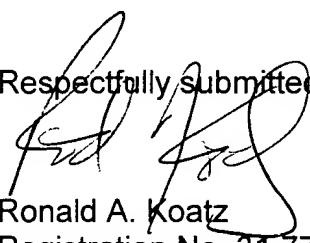
Applicants further maintain that the wipe claim (claim 57) is also clearly novel and unobvious for reasons set forth at top of page 8 of Amendment mailed June 16, 2004.

In view of the discussion above, including submission of Listing to overcome Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all rejections of the claims.

Finally applicants respectfully request that the IDS filed June 11, 2004, and which is referred to in the Advisory Action, be considered under the provision of 37 CFR §1.97(b)(4) in view of the filing of the subject request for continued examination. If any additional fees are required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 12-1155.

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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